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Heads of a PEACE

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FRENCH KING.

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THE Kings of *Sweden* and *Denmark* have lately had a Project of Peace presented them by the French Envoys at their Courts, Monsieur *D'Avaux*, and Monsieur *Bowrepos*: And to shew the world that their Master is in earnest they tell the Northern Kings 'tis their Honor and Interest to press the Allies to accept it. They are almost angry with, tho they don't threaten those Princes, but tell 'em it behoves 'em to procure this Peace, or else to joyn with one of the two Parties.

The *French* charge the *Dutch* with being the occasion of this War; but how fairly every common Eye can see: however they are willing to re-establish Peace and Traffick with the States General, as they were agreed on before this war begun.

And the Most Christian King desires only the Restitution of what *England* has taken from him in the Islands and Continent of *America*, *viz.* St. *Christophers*, *&c.* and then he will restore and confirm the Treaties that have been broken by this war.

France pretends to be kind to *Spain*, tho she does not deserve it at her hands; for she declar'd war against *France*. *Mons* and *Namur*, (which last is theirs already) shall be theirs again. They will keep *Luxembourgh*, which is a City and Province; a Dukedom of very large extent, and advantageously seated to assist them to carry their Arms into *Germany*. The *French* King is kind to the young Duke of *Lorrain*, and offers him very largely, and says, he cannot but return Thanks for his generous manner of dealing with him upon this occasion.

France demands that the Treaties of *Westphalia* and *Nimiguen* may remain in their full force; and that which was concluded at *Ratisbon* in the year 1684. under the name of a Truce for Twenty years, may be chang'd into a definitive Treaty of Peace.

They wou'd fain keep *Strasburgh?* which cannot be permitted, the States of *Swabia* and *Franconia* having pray'd His Imperial Majesty by no means to agree to that; and add, they will rather make a new Levy of Ten Thousand Men against the next Spring to carry on the war; and they are much in the right, for if *Strasburgh* remain in the *French* hands, the Empire will always be the stage of war.

Next the most Christian King offers to restore the *Palatinate*, and its dependences to the Duke of *Newbourgh*.

In compensation for the City of *Strasburgh*, and the Forts, of which the Most Christian King is in Possession, and which he will hold immutuably both for himself and his Successors: first *Montroyal*, and *Tarback*, shall be demolish'd, and restor'd to the Prince to whom they belong, never to be Fortified again, during the Peace. Secondly, that all the Works of *Fort Lewis*, and *Hunninghen* that lie beyond the *Rhine*, in respect of *France*, shall be demolish'd: Thirdly, *Philipsburgh* with the Fort shall be surrendred, Fortified as they are; and *Friburgh* in the same condition it is.

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As for the Dutchy of *Deux Ponts*, the *French* King to resign it to the King of *Sweden* in the same condition now it is, and never to lay claim to it for the future, tho by the Deeds and Evidences it appears that that same Dutchy depends upon the Bishoprick of *Ments*.

The Emperour having signified, that he is not willing the *French* shou'd remain in Possession of *Strasburgh*, many reasons are offer'd by the *French*, but nothing will do, for that City is too considerable to be quitted by the Empire.

The Most Christian King declares, that he has a cordial desire to establish a Peace that may maintain *France*, and the Empire in a lasting repose; that his Majesty choses rather to preserve one City, *viz. Strasburgh* that lies next to *France*, and surrender up two, *viz. Philipsburgh* and *Friburgh* that lie next to *Germany*, to demolish so many strong Fortresses, and restore so large an extent of Country.

He is resolv'd inviolably to observe the Peace, and hopes the Emperor will do the same, to prevent the effusion of Christian Blood.

His Majesty offers to restore to restore to *Spain* all the Places without any exception which he has won from that Crown.

The French *are very unwilling to revive infinite Disputes, which might supply matter for a new War, rather than a means to end this; they are not for cutting out Negotiations that might last long, or take up too much time, they are for Demolishings and Restitutions, to reconcile all matters contained in former Treaties, and provide for the diuturnal security of the Empire, as well as that of* France, *and consequently for a perpetual endurance of a firm and perfect Correspondence.*

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